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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0882

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SU

SUBJ: LOCKHEED LONG RANGE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH SUDAN

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 20 TO AMBAS-  
SADOR FROM DR. BAH AL DIN MUHAMMED IDRIS, MINISTER FOR  
THE PRESIDENCY REGARDING LOCKHEED SUPPORT AGREEMENT.  
REFERRING TO RECENT TURNOVER OF FIRST C-130 TO SUDANESE  
AIR FORCE, MINISTER WRITES QUOTE WE VIEW THIS TRANSFER  
AS THE BEGINNING OF AN EXPANDING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL FURTHER CEMENT THE STRONG TIES  
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE

2. PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF LETTER IS QUOTE  
WITH THE TRANSFER OF THIS AIRCRAFT I AM REMINDED OF  
CORRESPONDENCE FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SULTAN  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE & AVIATION IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI  
ARABIA AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF THE TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN  
MILITARY SAGDS PROGRAM. IT IS OUR DESIRE THAT THIS  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BE CONTRACTED DIRECTLY BETWEEN  
LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT SERVICE COMPANY AND OUR GOVERNMENT  
SO THAT WE WILL HAVE CONTINUING LONG RANGE SUPPORT  
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FOR THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM. UNQUOTE MINISTER ASKS  
THAT APPROPRIATE US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BE NOTIFIED  
OF SUDANGOV DESIRES.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WE HAVE KNOWN FOR  
SOME TIME THAT SUDANGOV WISHES TO ENTER INTO LONG  
RANGE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH LOCKHEED. BASED ON  
FEBRUARY 20 LETTER IT APPEARS THAT SAUDIS HAVE AGREED

FINANCE THIS CONTRACT. APPEARS THEREFORE THAT PROVIDED  
USG AGREES SUDANGOV AND LOCKHEED CAN PROCEED TO  
NEGOTIATE CONTRACT. AMBASSADOR SHOULD REPLY TO  
MINISTER'S LETTER AND DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE  
EMBASSY ASAP AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE TO BE  
INCORPORATED IN HIS LETTER.  
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